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**Hon Nixie LAM's motion on
"Comprehensive improvement of Hong Kong's play equipment
for children"**

Wording of the Motion

That Hong Kong's play equipment for children has long been criticized for being overly homogeneous in design and lacking fun; although the Government has indicated in the 2019 Policy Address that it will draw reference from the experience of modifying the children's playground in Tuen Mun Park and plan to modify more than 170 public play spaces managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department ('LCSD') through community participation over the next five years to make the facilities more innovative and fun, the scope of the plan does not cover all play equipment for children across Hong Kong; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to:

- (1) expeditiously extend the existing modification programme of children's playgrounds promoted by LCSD to cover play equipment for children in public housing estates;
- (2) revise the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines to raise the standard for provision of children's playgrounds;
- (3) provide adequate resources and make good use of public space, idle land and harbourfront promenades, and encourage wide community participation, so as to expeditiously modify and construct more play equipment for children in various districts in Hong Kong, such as providing additional play equipment suitable for older children and thematic play equipment, and introducing more play equipment which motivates children to cooperate with each other and is more challenging, so as to increase parent-child interactions and foster children's social skills, and cater for the playing needs of children at different stages; and
- (4) incentivize, by imposing land sale conditions and improving building guidelines, more private housing estates to introduce suitable play equipment for children, and provide support to managers or owners' corporations of private housing estates and public housing under subsidized sale housing schemes, so as to assist those housing courts or estates in providing additional and renovating relevant facilities.